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LATEST WORLD-WIDE WAR DEVELOPMENTS FLASHED TO HEADQUARTERS, AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND
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RUSSIA ENTERS WAR AGAINST JAPAN

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Washington--NEWS THAT WORLD HAS BEEN EXPECTING FOR SOME TIME HAS JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED.

RUSSIA HAS DECLARED WAR ON JAPAN.

THIS IS OFFICIAL. IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT WHITE HOUSE BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN. PRESIDENT MADE ONLY A SIMPLE STATEMENT. BUT HE HAD A BROAD GRIN ON HIS FACE AS HE MADE DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

RUSSIA, HE SAID, HAS JUST DECLARED WAR ON JAPAN. THEN HE CLOSED HASTILY-SUMMONED NEWS CONFERENCE BY SAYING--THAT IS ALL.

ANNOUNCEMENT WAS FOLLOWED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BY A MOSCOW BROADCAST WHICH ANNOUNCED THAT RUSSIA WAS AT WAR WITH JAPAN EFFECTIVE AUGUST 9TH.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RUSSIA'S WAR DECLARATION WAS NOT UNEXPECTED. HOWEVER, WHEN IT WOULD COME HAD BEEN A MATTER OF CONJECTURE FOR MONTHS.

THIS NEWS, ALONG WITH UNLEASHING OF THE ATOMIC BOMB, WAS TAKEN IN WASHINGTON TO MEAN THAT JAPAN CANNOT MUCH LONGER CONTINUE TO RESIST.

THERE WERE A NUMBER OF NAVAL AIDES AND STATE DEPARTMENT ATTACHES IN WHITE HOUSE WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMAN MADE HIS STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT. HE DID NOT DISCLOSE WHETHER PLANS FOR RUSSIAN ENTRY INTO PACIFIC WAR WERE FASHIONED AT POTSDAM. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE REMEMBERED THAT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED BY BIG THREE AFTER THE POTSDAM MEETING CARRIED SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT THAT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAD STUDIED MILITARY MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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